Imports from India

1683. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which have come forward on their own to have maximum imports from India;

(b) the details of trade carried out with these countries during the last two years and with what results; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to boost India's exports to the untapped foreign markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) It is for Indian exporters to find markets and sell products abroad, though with the countries with whom trade is carried out through a Rupee clearing arrangement, there is an in-built provision for import. On its part, the Government is making continuous efforts to promote exports to all the countries.

Higher prices for Indian Textiles Exported to the Soviet Union

1684.. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union have agreed to reconsider plea for higher prices for Indian textiles; and

(b) if so, by when decision is likely to be taken by them in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) According to the Cotton Textile Export promotion Council, Soviet Buyers have agreed to higher prices for certain types of cotton textile for the year 1986.

Duty free operated by ITDC

1685. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of duty free shops operated by the India Tourism Development Corporation and what has been their performance during the last three years;

(b) whether any improvement in terms of their turnover and profits have been noticed by Government; and

(c) if not, what measures are proposed to effect improvements in their working?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) ITDC operates eleven Duty Free Shops including one Tax Free Shop. Their turnover and net profit during the last 3 years are as under:—

Year	Turnover	Net Profit
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1982-83	416·92	119·47
1983-84	502·26	166·52
1984-85	609·08	204·03

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) ITDC Management continues its exercise to review and adopt suitable measures at all times to achieve more and more improvements in its operations.